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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



The market tone was steady on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms. Demand slow to materialize. No sales reported. Offerings adequate. Bulk parts and meats trading was light and centered on fresh mechanically separated turkey and fresh tom breast meat. Buyers keeping inventories close.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on moderate volume of frozen thigh meat, balance limited. Demand was mixed with most interest noted from Taiwan and Russia. Mexico showing reduced interest due the upcoming Easter holiday. Supplies remain in a full range, mostly adequate.

SAN FRANCISCO TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB)

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTION

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	119-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	99-129

LOS ANGELES PROCESSED TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB)

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 28# & UP	81-86
BREASTS 10-12#	115
COOKED ROLLS 60/40% 9# & UP	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	94
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	94
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	63
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	65-72

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/ WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/ VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 14 APRIL 2003.

Trade sentiment on most items was steady to barely steady. Domestic demand was sluggish to instances fair at best with trading centered on light volumes of fresh mechanically separated turkey and fresh tom breast meat. Some sellers are anticipating improved activity after Easter. Plant grade basted rib breasts: 14-16 lb. 83, 20-22 lb. 115 cents delivered. Export demand was mixed with some processors noting interest from Taiwan and Russia, slow from Mexico. Exporters continued to watch with interest for possible border crossing issues on previously sold product to Mexico after last week's Newcastle disease confirmation in a private flock in Texas. Trading into export channels centered on a moderate volume of thigh meat, balance light.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	87.00	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		W	145.00	220
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	19.76	170
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	20.00	14
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	18.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	17.00		17.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	25.20	50
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	54.00	20
NECKS, TOM	22.00		22.00	20
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	120.00-122.00		120.08	250
THIGH MEAT		T	52.00	10
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	50.00-53.00		52.33	180
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT	62.00		62.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	104.00	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	117.76	67
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	19.00-20.00		19.83	240
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00-20.25		20.11	184
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	14.00	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.50-21.00		20.83	312
TAILS	16.50		16.50	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	14.50	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	46.00-62.50		53.62	676

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.